

Remarks

1. Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action mailed December 20, 2007, claims 21, 24, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,445,922 (Hiller) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,501,746 (Leung 1), and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 7,149,229 (Leung 2). Claims 26 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,445,922 (Hiller) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,501,746 (Leung 1), in further view of U.S. Patent No. 7,149,229 (Leung 2), and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,061,650 (Malkin). Claims 16 and 17 stand allowed. Claims 22, 25, and 31 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

2. Status of the Claims

Currently pending are claims 16, 17, 22, 25, and 31, of which claims 16, 22, 25, and 31 are independent, and claim 17 is dependent. Applicant has cancelled claims 21, 24, 26, 30, and 32.

3. Allowed and Allowable Claims

The Office Action mailed December 20, 2007, has allowed claims 16 and 17, asserting that the cited references fail to teach, either individually or in combination, a foreign agent using a combination of a home agent address and a home IP address of a mobile node to identify a unique PPP link in the event where a data packet destined to the mobile node has an identical home IP address to at least one other mobile node. Applicant agrees that claims 16 and 17 are allowable for at least these reasons, and further asserts that the teachings of the cited references do not reasonably or logically lead to the claimed invention.

Furthermore, the Office Action indicated that claims 22, 25, and 31 would be allowable if re-written as independent claims. Applicant has amended claims 22, 25, and 31 as independent claims by combining claim 21 into claim 22, claim 24 into claim 25, and claim 30 into claim 31. Applicant submits that claims 22, 25, and 31 are allowable as amended.

4. Response to § 103 Rejections of Claims 21, 24, 26, 30, and 32

Applicant has cancelled claims 21, 24, 26, 30, and 32. Therefore this rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is now moot.

5. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, and without conceding any assertions in the Office Action not addressed here, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case with the undersigned, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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